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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the Examiner's action mailed May 29, 2002, please enter the following remarks.

REMARKS

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No 09/421,621, filed October 19, 1999. Applicants amendment filed May 20, 2002, which addresses the Examiner's final rejection of claims in the parent application, appears to have crossed in the mail with the Examiner's non-final action mailed May 29, 2002, and received by applicants on June 4, 2002.

In response to the Examiner's action mailed May 29, 2002, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the amendment and declaration filed May 20, 2002, copies enclosed herewith. The amendment and declaration filed May 20, 2002 address the claim rejections based on the Brucato and Pruszynski references, cited by the Examiner in the final rejection of claims in the parent application and maintained in the Examiner's action dated May 29, 2002. The outstanding action dated May 29, 2002 further includes claim rejections based on the Greenwood and Casey references, newly cited by the Examiner. The following remarks address the rejection of claims based on the Greenwood and Casey references.

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